## MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS HUNTING SEASON / QUOTA CHANGE SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Species: Mountain Lion** 

Region: 2

Hunting District: 200 & 201; 202 & 203; 204, 260, 261 & 262; 210; 211 & 216; 212 & 215; 213 & 214; 240; 250; 270; 280, 281, 284 & 293; 283 & 285; 290, 291, 292 & 298;

Missoula Special Management Area

Year: 2014

1. Describe the proposed season / quotas changes and provide a summary of prior history (i.e., prior history of permits, season types, etc.).

FWP now offers Alternative 2 for public review and comment, in accordance with expectations set at the Commission meeting of April 10, 2014, for the process of considering lion harvest quotas and permit levels in Region 2 for 2014.

	Alternative 1			Alternative 2		
Hunting	Commission-adopted Tentative			<b>Lion Work Group Recommendation</b>		
District	Males	Females	Permits	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Permits</b>
200 & 201	9	12	21	12	8	20
202 & 203	14	19	33	18	12	30
204, 260,	2	3	5	4	2	6
261 & 262						
210	3	0	3	3	1	4
211 & 216	5	3	8	5	3	8
212 & 215	6	0	6	6	1	7
213 & 214	2	1	3	2	1	3
240	2	3	5	4	3	7
250	4	6	10	5	3	8
270	4	6	10	5	4	9
280, 281, 284, 293 &	5	7	12	5	4	9
part of 298						
283 & 285	5	7	12	7	8	15
290, 291, 292 & part of 298	5	6	11	7	3	10
Missoula Special Mgmt Area	13	12	25	13	12	25
TOTAL	79	85	164	96	65	161

2. What is the objective of this proposed change? This could be a specific harvest amount or resulting population level or number of game damage complaints, etc.

Alternative 2 is FWP's preferred alternative, and is the outcome of deliberations by a 12-person panel of citizen stakeholders. The recommendation-making process is documented in an FWP paper entitled, *Outcomes of the Region 2 Lion Work Group—2014.* 

3. How will the success of this proposal be measured? This could be annual game or harvest surveys, game damage complaints, etc.

The success of this proposal will be measured by public support. See the FWP paper entitled, *Outcomes of the Region 2 Lion Work Group—2014*.

4. What is the current population's status in relation to the management objectives? (i.e., state management objectives from management plan if applicable; provide current and prior years of population survey, harvest, or other pertinent information).

See the FWP paper entitled, Outcomes of the Region 2 Lion Work Group—2014.

5. Provide information related to any weather/habitat factors, public or private land use or resident and nonresident hunting opportunity that have relevance to this change (i.e., habitat security, hunter access, vegetation surveys, weather index, snow conditions, and temperature / precipitation information).

See the FWP paper entitled, Outcomes of the Region 2 Lion Work Group—2014.

6. Briefly describe the contacts you have made with individual sportsmen or landowners, public groups or organizations regarding this proposal and indicate their comments (both pro and con).

See the FWF	P paper entitled, Outcomes of the Region 2 Lion Work Group—2014.
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